GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the equipment in the major hospitals of the country are lying out of order as a result of which patients have to bear undue hassels and expenses ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to install new equipment to remedy the situation; and

(d) the measures being adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the respective Governments to ensure proper maintenance of machines available in the Hospitals under their control.

Maintenance of medical machines installed in various Central Government Hospital is satisfactory. Most of the equipments are put under Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC). In case the machines become non-functional due to wear and tear, immediate steps are taken to get the machines repaired in the minimum possible time. As regards installation of new equipments it is a regular process and new machines are procured on the basis of requirement of the Hospitals and availability of resources.